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Please find attached an examiner's amendment wherein a brief description of the drawings was inserted into the specification.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. The application has been amended as follows: at page 2, following line 8 insert the following:

----- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows ignition temperature as a function of carbon chain length (Zebetakis et al, 1954);

FIG. 2 shows a schematic course of temperature in a free-radical chain explosion (Warnatz et al., 1993);

FIG. 3 shows zones of the reaction for the atomization of fuel into a hot air stream;

FIG. 4 shows the temperature course of a cool flame along the path of flow as a function of operation temperature;

FIG. 5 shows zones for starting conditions of the cool flame as a function of air ratio;

FIG. 6 shows the representation of ignition delay period of extra-light fuel oil as a function of the air temperature and dwelling time;

FIG. 7 shows the initial and final temperature of the cool flame for different fuels;

FIG. 8 shows a device which is suitable for performing the process according to the invention;

FIGS. 9a-9c show three established methods for the re-circulation of reaction products;

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FIG. 10 provides an example of the introduction of heat into the cool flame generator;

FIG. 11 shows the process sequence;

Fig. 12 shows another possibility of heat introduction;

FIG. 13 represents an example of the conversion of liquid fuels to a fuel gas suitable for fuel cells;

FIG. 14 represents a two-step fuel supply for the cool flame generator;

FIG. 15 shows the introduction of water or water vapor into the reaction zone of the cool flame;

FIG. 16 shows the cool flame generator in combination with a combustion engine;

FIG. 17 shows the combustion engine process;

FIG. 18 shows a constructive embodiment of the process according to the invention in an oil burner for firing plants with a thermal power of greater than 1 kW;

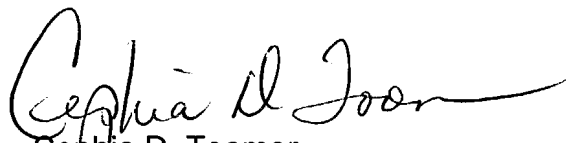
FIG. 19 shows a process for the utilization and separation of matter;

FIG. 20 shows another example of a combustion process with fuel gradation for the reduction of nitrogen oxide levels. -----

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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